



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2022

A Message from your Pastor

One of the greatest blessings and challenges for any Presbyterian pastor is moderating the Session. Session meetings and its members are at the core of what it means to be Presbyterian. These “Ruling Elders” have been elected on behalf of the congregation in order to make decisions for the good of the congregation. More than just making day to day decisions, however, they are also entrusted with some of the most important elements of being church. One is making sure the sacraments are observed. That means communion on those particular Sundays, but also baptism. You’ll notice whenever I baptize someone during our worship service there is always an elder that participates as well. This is because it is not solely up to the pastor to welcome this person into the church, but also the church, and the elder is there to represent the church. Elders are also part of making sure that the church and its congregation continues to learn about God’s Word. Many people think that this is the pastor’s job and it is—in part. The pastor is who is in the pulpit and preaches each week, but the elders are also responsible for the spiritual health of the congregation and helping make the pastor to keep the congregation healthy.

During our most recent session meeting, I was blessed by a conversation that we had when an elder brought up what we can continue to do as a church to help our spiritual lives flourish and thrive. I was so heartened to hear that these leaders of the congregation are so passionate about this subject and that they take their role in it seriously. I was so inspired by their words that I am now attempting to share it with you.

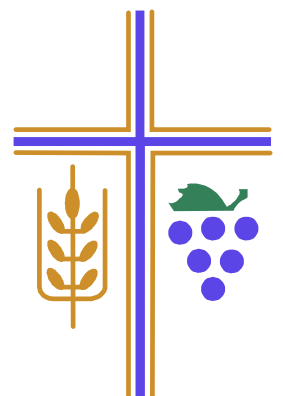
First, please remember that the elders who sit on the Session (and those who are past elders as well—once an elder, always an elder!) are there to support and lead you. They are the ones who are making decisions, not based on just what they want, but based on what they feel would be in the best interest of the congregation and the church. They are also the ones who are able to bring new ideas to other leaders in the church so that we can get new things started. Do you have a question, a comment, a wondering? You can always come to me as pastor, but I would encourage you to also reach out to an elder, they would love to hear from you!

Are you now thinking to yourself—well that’s nice, but who are the elders?! Take a look at the back of the bulletin. We are now putting the names of folks who are on the boards on the back page for your reference. When the office is open, you will find the names of church officers (along with their committees) on the bulletin board just inside the office as well.

If you peruse the PCUSA Book of Order (which I’m sure you all do in your spare time!) you’ll note that the distinction is made many times that the elders on the session are called “ruling elders” not because they “rule” over others, but because they are there to uphold the leadership structures of the church. These folks have been called because they have an interest in furthering the mission of the church, and caring for all of you.

So, we want to hear from you. As this year begins and we emerge from Covid, it is my sincere hope that we can go about the work of setting up new opportunities for you all to live and grow in your faith. What would you like to see? Do you have a new idea? We want to hear it! In the church, also known as the body of Christ, the most important part are the members of that body—all of you. Each of you are an important part of this beloved body and I look forward to hearing your ideas in how we emerge from this time and start a new chapter.

Blessings,
Rev. Vanessa



Prayer Concerns

Recent: Madeline Hackworth, Vern's mother; **The Wetter Family**, Nancy Winters relatives; **Kevin Fitzgerald**, friend of Margery Qua; **Phyllis Styrzo**; Southampton; **Raymond Hann**, Home; **Maureen Ackerman**, mourning the loss of her husband Gary; friend of Mimi Wood; **Seamus Naughton**, home; **Robyn DeLorenzo**, Ruth Duvall's granddaughter; **Ralph Downs**, Hampton Center for Rehabilitation in Southampton; **Dee Dee Brumsey** (sister of a close friend of Pete Seidler); **Maureen Nelsen**; **Kimberly Rogers Murawski**; **Dana Barrett**, friend of Nancy Miller; **Jay Sears**
Long Term: **John Lowe & Roberta Williams**, friends of Vern Hackworth; **Chelsey Carter Collins**, Southampton Care Center; **Gene Hubbard**; **Dorothy Evans**; **Paul & Ellen Pfaff**; **Rev. John Kloepfer**, home

Thank You!

Thank you to the Jornitz Family for their generous donation to repair the church playground. Rejoice!



Join us at the Quogue Chapel at 5:30pm on March 2nd for an Ash Wednesday service with Communion.

A Note from Presbyterian Women

Thank you to Alix McKenzie for her \$40 donation which bought 6 fitted bottom sheets for the cots that our Maureen's Haven overnight guests sleep on. It was greatly appreciated.

Church Family News

Christian Sympathy

Feb. 2—We give our deepest Christian sympathy to Krissy Napolitano and Keri Shui and their entire extended family on the passing of their beloved father, Lloyd Weston.



Presbyterian Walkers/Hikers

Let's get back to walking on Saturday March 26th. There are two areas in Greenport to begin exploring. The first is Ruth Oliva Preserve at Dam Pond located at 11855 Rt. 48, Greenport. Bring binoculars and see if we can spot waterfowl. The second is Inlet Pond County Park at 65275 Rt. 48, Greenport. The trail will lead us to a fresh water pond with Long Island Sound to the north.

Dress appropriately for the weather and hiking in the woods. Wear light color pants and tuck them in your socks, comfortable hiking boots or walking shoes, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

Since we are traveling to Greenport, this is a walking and go out to lunch after the walks.

Meet at the church parking lot to carpool no later than 8:30 am.

For info contact: Janet Hann H#631-288-6884 or C#631-871-7240

—Rain will cancel the hike—

Direct Deposit

An option for your monthly pledge is Direct Deposit. On the 10th of the month your pledge amount will be automatically transferred from your individual bank account into the church's account. It is convenient and easy. If interested, contact our treasurer, Janet Hann for the necessary form.



Finance Ministry

Dear Friends,

The summary of our church's financial performance can be found in the Annual Report 2021. It was a good year and we are grateful for your continuous support!

Unfortunately, two mistakes happened in my writing the Annual Report summary. A) the mission giving in the Annual Report, page 27, states the value of \$20,000, but it is \$15,000 and has been \$15,000 for the last few years. B) the Budget 2022 summary sheet, states in the 2021 Actual Total Expense line \$388,612 instead of \$386,029. The detailed budget listed \$386,029, but there was a glitch in the excel spreadsheet for the summary which has been corrected. Both mistakes did not change the approved Budget 2022.

Please remember the, so important, Per Capita portion per member.

Once again, thank you for all your support!

Yours sincerely, Maik Jornitz

One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering in March



YOU SHALL BE CALLED REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

CHURCH LIFE

Session Notes

At the February Session meeting one topic dominated discussion and raised excitement. We have been so closed up for two years that our church has had almost no social life, and we have all missed it greatly. Not only do we need times together for our own happiness and well being, but we need to grow our church, and having fun events invites newcomers to join with us.

In every poll we take our church picnic rates first in popularity. With Covid restrictions lifting surely our picnic will be back. Who doesn't love the camaraderie, the hamburgers, the "free" ice cream, the dishes everyone brings? Right now there is no one person in charge of it, but we will all be asked to help when picnic time comes.

I have great memories of the fund raiser we held two years ago at the home of Nalda and Desider Rothe. Their home was bursting with people happy to see each other and enjoy dinner together. We don't need fundraisers necessarily, but remember years ago when we met in small groups for dinner in our homes?

I loved the tours we took on the church bus a number of years ago, led by Dick Anderson, to places like Montauk lighthouse, Southold's Horton Point, the William Floyd home and the Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Half of the fun was the new experience, and half of the fun was being with church friends.

Think of the fun for kids like picnic games and the Trunk or Treat. The CROP walk also welcomes children of all ages.

Tell us what events you would like the church to host and we will work hard to make them happen. Talk to any Session member or to Pastor Vanessa. The energy is here now to get back to church life!

Stu Wood for the Session

Christian Ed & Youth Group

March, one of my favorite months...we say goodbye to winter (YEAH!) and hello spring!

Sunday School will get ready for Easter with a **Lenten Festival** held on **Sunday March 6th**, during Sunday School time in Bailey Hall. The children will make crafts that prepare them for the celebration of Easter.

Calling all our scouts, on **March 13th** we will celebrate **Scout Sunday** and would like to celebrate you being Reverent by assisting and participating during our morning worship. We need ushers, and lay persons (scripture reader, lead us in prayer, share a talent (musical selection maybe!) and we will recognize you with a Scout Sunday Patch!

Thank you to all who helped with Souper Bowl for Caring food drive. We collected approximately 85 items and \$20.00. Some of the food items were delivered to the Little Food Pantry on Mill Rd and the rest was delivered over to the pantry at Immaculate Conception Church.

Follow Up To Email: Are you interested in being a delegate at the annual Presbyterian Youth triennium in July of 2022? It's open High School kids and young adults in the Presbyterian church. Follow the link for more info, applications are due 3/1! <https://presbyteryofli.com/triennium-2022-participant-application/> or (more info) <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>

Sunday School Schedule through June:

2/13	Regular Sunday School
2/20	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
2/27	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
3/6	Lenten Festival (during Sunday school)
3/13	Scout Sunday (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
3/20	Regular Sunday school
3/27	Regular Sunday school
4/3	Regular Sunday school
4/10	Regular Sunday School
4/17	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL / EASTER / EASTER EGG HUNT
4/24	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
5/1	Regular Sunday school
5/8	Regular Sunday school
5/15	Regular Sunday school
5/22	Regular Sunday school
5/29	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
6/5	Regular Sunday school
6/12	LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

MS/HS will be forthcoming.

I see the Westhampton High School Musical is scheduled for 3/25-3/27, make note to catch the performance.

Looking ahead to April, our annual Easter Egg Hunt is happening Easter morning (4/14)!

Youth Group remember to check your emails for the latest activities.

Kathy



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

1 Sharon Conway
1 Tova Keblish
1 Barbara and Anthony Danowski
4 Pete Seidler
6 Pat Barile
7 Meg Baird
7 Gavin Jessup
8 Ruth Duvall
9 Kristina Carter Bennett
9 Carol Nemeth
10 Erika Lukert
11 Brad Ravenhall
11 Georgia Gooder
12 Jennifer Gillin
12 Kelly Martin
12 George Amorose
14 Kathy Tureski
16 Daniel Staniford
16 Marie and Vincent Yervasi
17 Delaney Campbell
21 Betsy Fox
22 Kimet Speed
23 Pam Chance Herzing
23 Justin Shiu
24 Mary Beth and Taf Lundborg
25 Lily Burns
27 Serafima Droznic

27 Jim Sperber
28 Fina DiBiaso
30 Donna & Korey Williams
31 Bill Manker
31 Spencer Baird
31 Aram Terchunian
31 Lisa Gooder
31 Carter Howerton



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	2 <i>5:30pm Ash Wednesday service at the Quogue Chapel</i>	3	4 <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	5
6 <i>1st Sunday in Lent 10am Worship Children's Lenten Festival</i>	7 <i>5pm E.E.H. Children's Bereavement Group</i>	8 <i>5:15pm Music & Worship 6pm Session</i>	9 <i>9:30am Mission 10:30am Staff</i>	10	11	12
13 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent 10am Worship Scout Sunday </i>	14 <i>5pm E.E.H. Children's Bereavement Group</i>	15 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	16	17 	18	19
20 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent 10am Worship Sunday school</i>	21 <i>5pm Maureen's Haven</i>	22	23	24	25	26 <i>8:30am Hike with Janet Hann</i>
27 <i>4th Sunday in Lent 10am Worship Sunday School</i>	28	29	30	31		

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